IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 5, to page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention is related to applications entitled A System Area Network of End-to-End Context via Reliable Datagram Domains, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,354, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0625-US1; Method and Apparatus for Pausing a Send Queue without Causing Sympathy Errors, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,340, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0626-US1; Method and Apparatus to Perform Fabric Management, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,334, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0627-US1; End Node Partitioning using LMC for a System Area Network, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,351, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0628-US1; Method and Apparatus for Dynamic Retention of System Area Network Management Information in Non-Volatile Store, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,365, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0629-US1; Method and Apparatus for Retaining Network Security Settings Across Power Cycles, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,337, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0630-US1; Method and Apparatus for Reporting Unauthorized Attempts to Access Nodes in a Network Computing System, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,348, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0631-US1; Method and Apparatus for Ensuring Scalable Mastership During Initialization of a System Area Network, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,341, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0633-US1; and Method and Apparatus for Using a Service ID for the Equivalent of Port ID in a Network Computing System, serial no. [[_____]] 09/692,352, attorney docket no. AUS9-2000-0634-US1, all of which are filed even date hereof, assigned to the same assignee, and incorporated herein by reference.